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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ROMANIA

MTS PREPARING FOR SPRING PROGRAM -- Scanteia, No 1351, 15 Feb 49

The workers and technicians of the MTS in Sighisocra have completed the repairs on 15 tractors and 9 tractor plows and are now working on similar agricultural machinery for the state farm near Sighisocra. The Bozies-Tarnava Mica MTS has repaired seven tractors.

Between 19 and 30 January, the personnel of the Steana Rosie MTS in Hagieni repaired 14 of the 19 tractors which were to be repaired by 26 February. The crew under Ovidiu Balanescu greatly reduced the time necessary to repair the R.2 and C.1 tractors.

By the end of February, the 30 tractors at the MTS in Chiraftei (Covurlini Judet) will be ready, even those which will need new parts. An electric generator and a lathe will be sent to the MTS from Galati to speed up the repairs. There are also 30 Soviet plows at this installation. These are tractor plows with multiple bottoms. There is a school for tractor drivers attached to the MTS and more than 40 youths are enrolled in it.

New MTEs will be built at Darabani (Dorohoi Judet), Trusesti and Frumusica (Rohatnai Judet). Three buildings will be erected at each station to house the 30 tractors, 22 plows, 20 threshers, seeders, and harrows which will be allocated.

SOVIET TRACTORS FOR BOTSWANA STATE FARMS -- Scanteia, No 1349, 12 Feb 49

On 10 February, nine railroad cars loaded with 24 Soviet tractors arrived at the station of Botosani. These tractors had been unloaded from a Soviet vessel which had docked at Galati. The tractors will be distributed to the state farms of the Botosani inspectorate.

GREATER MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE -- Libertatea, No 1313, 22 Jan 49

In the course of 1949, 1,500 new tractors and 1,100 new threshing machines will be constructed. Up to the present, the repair shops of Timiscara region have repaired 215 tractors, and the workers have pledged to put a total of 480 tractors in running order by 1 March.

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SOVIET CULTIVATORS FOR CIORANI MTS -- Scanteia, No 1352, 16 Feb 49

The MTS at Ciorani (Prahova Judet) has just received two new Soviet cultivators. The cultivators work a width of 4 meters, in contrast to the old ones which could work only a 2-meter strip.

BRAILIA JUDET TO BE PROTECTED FROM FLOODS -- Scanteia, No 1352, 16 Feb 49

Work on the construction of dikes to protect 16,000 hectares of land from flooding will be started on 1 May and finished in the course of the year.

One dike, 12,621 meters long, will extend from Vadul Catagati, parallel to the Danube River, to the confluence of the Siret and Danube Rivers. From here, it will follow the Siret River up to the railroad line near Barbosi. This dike will protect 6,000 hectares of land which will have drainage and irrigation canals and will be used for growing vegetables and rice.

A second dike, 26 kilometers long, will go from the bridge at Barbosi along the Siret River to the bridge across the Buzan River in Latim Commune. This dike will guard 10,000 hectares from inundation.

Libertatea, No 1354, 17 Jan 49

The dimensions of the first dike are given as 23-40 meters wide at the base, 5.5 meters wide at the top, and 1.5 meters higher than any recorded height of the river. The width of the second dike will be same as the first and the height one meter above recorded high water.

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